

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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LATE ITEM

Haiti

At 0650 this morning the US Embassy in Port-au-Prince reported by telephone that there has been firing at the Presidential palace. Approximately 150 rounds were fired. Artillery pieces were being put in place by the Haitian army. The Embassy is sending further details as they become available.

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1. Laos

a. Kong Le's position is desperate. His forces were driven out of Phong Savan late yesterday, and Communist attacks are apparently continuing through the day.

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e. We have no word yet whether rightist forces have become involved.

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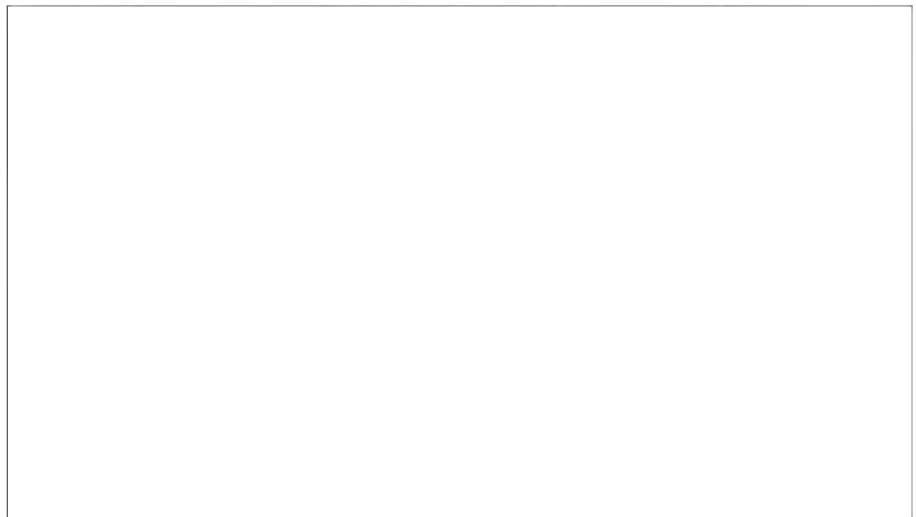
2. Congo

a. Adoula's plan for by-passing the obstructionist Congolese parliament is running into trouble.

b. The lower house, evidently unimpressed by Adoula's new cabinet, has passed an amendment which denies the executive the right to recess parliament without approval of both houses. The enactment goes next to the upper house where its chances of passage are good.

c. On the strength of the new law, the parliament will be able to block Adoula's plans for a recess later this month. It will then be able to press, probably successfully, for the early release of Gizenga.

3. Cuba-Soviet



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d. The Soviet passenger ship
Maria Ulyanova has arrived in Havana.

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4. Cuba-
Latin America

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5. Argentina

a. President Guido and the military chiefs were closeted yesterday in what appears to have been an urgent session to head off a new dispute over the Peronist issue.

b. The lack of solid information on what is at stake has produced conflicting press dispatches from Buenos Aires this morning, with some saying that the government is on the verge of collapse and others that a compromise has been found.

NOTES

- A. Poland Gomulka has made a rare television appearance to defend the price rises which have provoked an angry public reaction. Some measure of his concern are his charges that capitalist propaganda is spreading hostile rumors that the standard of living was falling because of a "crisis of Polish socialism."
- B. Honduras A situation somewhat like that in Guatemala before Ydigoras' overthrow may be developing in Honduras.
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- C. France - West Germany De Gaulle has invited Willy Brandt to meet him next week when De Gaulle will be touring northeastern France. Brandt says he expects an effort to inveigle his support for the Franco-German treaty but intends to remain non-committal. He will invite De Gaulle to visit West Berlin during a trip to West Germany sometime in the next few months.
- D. Pakistan-Afghanistan Pakistan has offered to resume diplomatic relations with Afghanistan, broken a year and a half ago, while the Afghans have moderated their propaganda on the Pushtoonistan issue.

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